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## 2023 KENTUCKY

## Issues Poll



1. Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied adults with no children at home to work, train, or volunteer at least 20 hours per week as a condition of eligibility for food stamps?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $77 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $18 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Unsure | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $6 \%$ |

2. Kentucky allows individuals who receive other types of state welfare to automatically be approved for food stamps. Would you support or oppose requiring the state to verify whether an individual is truly eligible for food stamps, rather than extending automatic approvals?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{7 0 \%}$ | $80 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $15 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

3. Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied adults under 60 years old with no children under six to work, train, or volunteer at least part time as a condition of eligibility for food stamps?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $71 \%$ | $78 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $74 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $18 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

4. Would you support or oppose checking food stamp applicants' financial assets, such as expensive homes and cars, to make sure they are truly eligible for benefits?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{8 0 \%}$ | $87 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $78 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $10 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

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5. Would you support or oppose the government sending regular cash payments to every person without requiring them to work?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ | $22 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{6 2 \%}$ | $66 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $12 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $12 \%$ |

6. Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied adults to work, train, or volunteer at least 20 hours per week as a condition of eligibility for Medicaid?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{6 4 \%}$ | $74 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $65 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{3 2 \%}$ | $21 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Unsure | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

7. Rather than requiring voters to select one candidate on their ballot, some states and cities require voters to rank all candidates for a particular office in order of personal preference. This is called ranked-choice voting. Would you support or oppose allowing ranked-choice voting in Kentucky?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | $33 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $53 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Unsure | $16 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ |

8. Would you support or oppose the creation of a special unit that investigates election law violations?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{7 2 \%}$ | $88 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{6 \%}$ | $4 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

9. Many states require an education degree or similar coursework to get a teaching license. Would you support or oppose allowing other ways to become a certified teacher, such as career experience or military service?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{6 2 \%}$ | $67 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $59 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{3 4 \%}$ | $28 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ |

10. Would you support or oppose allowing new Kentucky residents to receive an occupational license in their field if they have at least three years of on-the-job experience in their previous state, so long as they pay any required fees and pass a background check?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{7 9 \%}$ | $83 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $85 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Unsure | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

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11. Would you support or oppose requiring local governments to review and renew local laws every two years?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | 59\% | 59\% | 61\% | 53\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | 22\% | 19\% | 26\% | 21\% |
| Unsure | 19\% | 21\% | 13\% | 25\% |
| 12. Would you support or oppose requiring local governments to follow state rules when creating new laws? |  |  |  |  |
| Strongly or Somewhat Support | 73\% | 76\% | 77\% | 63\% |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | 12\% | 8\% | 14\% | 18\% |
| Unsure | 14\% | 16\% | 9\% | 18\% |

13. Would you support or oppose local governments adding new local regulations in areas that already have state regulations?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $39 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{4 3 \%}$ | $43 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ | $15 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $23 \%$ |

14. Would you support or oppose spending taxpayer dollars on programs that teach Americans they are "privileged" or "oppressors" based on their skin color or their beliefs?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $21 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{5 7 \%}$ | $63 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $53 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ | $16 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $25 \%$ |

15. Would you support or oppose public colleges and universities requiring faculty applicants to agree with certain political positions regarding race, gender, and ideology before being hired?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ | $23 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{7 2 \%}$ | $67 \%$ | $76 \%$ | $74 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

16. Would you support or oppose colleges and universities considering an applicant's physical characteristics when making admissions decisions?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{6 0 \%}$ | $59 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $19 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $21 \%$ |

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17. Would you support or oppose requiring public colleges and universities to make their admissions criteria available to the public?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{8 4 \%}$ | $88 \%$ | $82 \%$ | $78 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

18. Do you support or oppose allowing large banks to deny services to customers based on the customers' political, social, or religious views?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $11 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{8 1 \%}$ | $81 \%$ | $85 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $13 \%$ |

19. Do you support or oppose allowing Kentucky to award state contracts to businesses that make business decisions based on their political agenda?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{8 4 \%}$ | $84 \%$ | $87 \%$ | $80 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{5 \%}$ | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

20. Would you support or oppose requiring able-bodied adults without young children to work, train, or volunteer at least part time as a condition of eligibility for food stamps?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $76 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $18 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Unsure | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ |

21. Would you support or oppose allowing new Kentucky residents with active occupational licenses in good standing in another state to be granted the same license in Kentucky as long as they pay a licensing fee and pass a background check?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{8 0 \%}$ | $85 \%$ | $77 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $13 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $12 \%$ |

22. Would you support or oppose expanding Medicaid to able-bodied adults who would not be required to work?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{4 2 \%}$ | $31 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{5 1 \%}$ | $65 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $17 \%$ |


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| 23. Would you support or oppose allowing the state legislature to intervene in election lawsuits on <br> behalf of Kentucky voters? | IND |  |  |  |
| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{4 3 \%}$ | $49 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{3 4 \%}$ | $28 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $23 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $29 \%$ |

24. Currently, Kentucky does not have rules about how quickly local governments must approve new construction permits. Would you support or oppose requiring local governments to review and act on new construction permits within 20 business days?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{8 3 \%}$ | $85 \%$ | $80 \%$ | $82 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $\mathbf{7 \%}$ | $4 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Unsure | $\mathbf{1 0 \%}$ | $11 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

25. If a local government fails to act on a new construction permit within 20 business days, which of the following two options would you support to enforce the law?

The permit should be
automatically approved.
The permit fee should be reduced by a set amount for every day the review is late.

| $\mathbf{2 9 \%}$ | $31 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{7 1 \%}$ | $69 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $75 \%$ |

26. Would you support or oppose requiring money managers to get their clients' consent before making investments based on a political agenda?

| Strongly or Somewhat Support | $\mathbf{8 5 \%}$ | $82 \%$ | $91 \%$ | $84 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly or Somewhat Oppose | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Unsure | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

## DEMOGRAPHICS

## PARTY AFFILIATION

| $45^{\%}$ | $34^{\%}$ | $21^{\%}$ |
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## Questions 1-10

Results for this poll were collected using a mixed-mode sampling frame that combines responses from automated telephone interviews with responses from an online panel. All data were collected by Cor Services, Inc. The combined statewide sample is of 513 likely Kentucky voters.
The survey was conducted October 17-21, 2023. The margin of sampling error is $\pm 4.33$ percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.
Data were post-stratified using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections was used to construct sample target weights.

## Questions 11-21

Results for this poll were collected using a mixed-mode sampling frame that combines responses from automated telephone interviews with responses from an online panel. All data were collected by Cor Services, Inc. The combined statewide sample is of 505 likely Kentucky voters.
The survey was conducted October 17-22, 2023. The margin of sampling error is $\pm 4.36$ percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.
Data were post-stratified using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections was used to construct sample target weights.

## Questions 22-26

Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame from an online panel collected by the Center for Excellence in Polling. The tatewide sample is of 438 likely Kentucky voters.
The survey was conducted November 9-10, 2023. The margin of sampling error is $\pm 4.68$ percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.
Data were post-stratified using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections was used to construct sample target weights.

